

Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

Expedited Procedure

Examining Group 3700

Application No. 10/003,367

Response dated September 15, 2003

Reply to Final Office Action dated July 15, 2003

REMARKS

In the July 15, 2003 final Office Action, the Examiner noted that the following features which distinguished the cited art were not included in the claims:

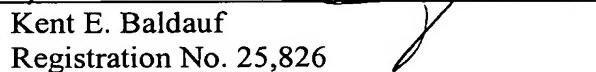
1. the stopping of the timing plate rotation at every timing plate hole;
2. the correspondence of the timing plate holes to every individual process (or number) in the band packing system; and
3. when the rotation of the timing plate is stopped, the timing shaft of each of the presser members, or the location of the support block, are manually adjusted.

The proposed claims include these limitations. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider whether the proposed amendment would place the claims in condition for allowance, and if so, enter such amendment by Examiner's Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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